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CONCERNING APRIL/G70, BCMA, BLYS/AGP-3 AND
TACI

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 22 and 23 as follows:

22. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the specific binding partner comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

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- a. the extracellular region of TACI (SEQ ID NO:15),
 - b. the extracellular region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO:6),
 - c. the consensus region of TACI (SEQ ID NO:16),
 - d. the consensus region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO:7), and
 - e. the TACI/BCMA extracellular consensus sequence (SEQ ID NO:13),

wherein said specific binding partner is a multimer.

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